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The following are some details concerning USSR railways for the period January - September 1947:

1. General Total of Railway Construction

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| Built & put into commission | - | 232 km. | of trunk lines. |
| " " " " | - | 629 " | " " secondary lines. |
| " " " " | - | 224 " | " " sidings. |

Constructed:

79 locomotive sheds
34 pumping stations
46 water towers
4 depots
A series of new electric power stations

2. Electrification

Electrification of the following lines is said to have been completed:

- a. Rastorguevo - Domodedovo (Moscow - Donbas Railway)
- b. Podolsk - Lvovskaya (Moscow - Kursk Railway)
- c. Satun - Odintsovo (Western Railway)
- d. Zlatoust - Berdyaush (South Urals Railway)
- e. Chelyabinsk - Zlatoust (South Urals Railway)
- f. Nadezhdinsk - Bogoslovsk sector completed of the Goroblagodatskaya - Nadezhdinsk - Bogoslovsk (Sverdlovsk Railway) line, which is being electrified.

3. Lines under Construction

- a. Work on the future South Siberian Railway has been started

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on the following three sectors, the total length of which is 965 kms:

Altayskaya - Artyashta

Akmolinsk - Pavlograd

Kulunda - Barnaul

- b. Preparatory work has been started for laying the line on the sector Sterlitamak - Magnitogorsk.
- c. 70,000 collective farmers are employed in construction of the new line Chardzhou - Mangrad. Structural work has been completed on the road-bed and on five bridges, and the first kilometers of main line have been laid. Construction has been started on seven new bridges.
- d. 23,000 collective farmers are employed on the line Moindy-Chu (Kazakhstan). Ground-work has been completed totalling over 2,700,000 cubic meters. One hundred and fifty kilometers of road-bed have been prepared for track-laying.
- e. A new line is being laid from Kostroma to Galich, and the 30 km. sector from Kostroma to Meza Station is in operation.

4. Reconstruction of Large Bridges

The following large bridges have been put into commission:

- a. Across the Dnieper River at Cherkassi.
- b. " " Berezina " " Borisov.
- c. " " Dnieper " " Zhlobin.
- d. " " Western Dvina River at Krustpils.

5. Development of Railway Junctions

Considerable work has been and is still being done on the development of the following junctions:

Kharkov

Krasni Liman

Verkhovtsevo

Debaltsevo

Likhaya

Drushininovo

Moskovka

Saychka (Urals): Formerly Potushki Junction, serves Nizhni Tagil industries. This station has 68 lines and 4 sheds.

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6. Locomotive Repair Works

Restoration of the workshops of the following locomotive repair works has been completed:

Konotop

Rostov

Stanislavov

Dnepropetrovsk

Voronezh

7. Railroad Car Repair Works

The following railroad car repair works are in full commission:

Otroshka (near Voronezh)

Porasnyansk

Stryj

8. Locomotive-Assembly Combine

Construction of the Sverdlovsk Locomotive-Assembly Combine has been completed.

9. Rolling Stock and Freight Cars

[redacted], freight cars in the USSR [redacted] totalled 516,000, of which 191,000 were 4-axle railroad cars and 250,000 were freight cars equipped with automatic couplings.

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